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In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. Arias (Spain), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

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A panel discussion on the topic "Update on Inter-Agency Standing Committee efforts to make the humanitarian system more effective", chaired by Mr. Arias (Spain), Vice-President of the Council, and moderated by Ms. Valerie Amos (Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; Emergency Relief Coordinator), was held. The moderator made a statement and introduced the panellists: Mr. Francis Nazario (Acting Permanent Representative, South Sudan); Mr. Martin Mogwanja (Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund); and Mr. Joel Charny (Vice-President for Humanitarian Policy and Practice, InterAction). The panellists made statements and an interactive dialogue, in which the representatives of Spain, Germany, Pakistan, the United States of America, Switzerland and the Russian Federation; the observers for the European Union, Romania, Algeria, Sweden and the International Committee of the Red Cross; and the former Resident Humanitarian Coordinator for South Sudan participated, ensued. A film on the transformative agenda was shown. The panellists responded to questions and comments and the moderator made concluding remarks.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.